## AMUSEMENTS.

MEMPHIS THEATER. W. DAVEY.

#### LAST NIGHTS OF MRS. F. W. LANDER. And Frank Lawlor's Great Star Company.

Thursday Evening, January 18th-Shakes-ANTHONY AND CLEDPATRA. Friday Evening, January 18th-MARIE ANTOINETTE. Saturday Matthee, 2 p.m-SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. Saturday Evening January 16th-ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA.

Reserved seats to be had at the Peabody Hotel and at the Theater. Monday, January 18th-Haverly's Minstrely.

## REMOVAL.

## B. Mild. & R. Justice of the Peace, to No. 186 Main street, opp. New Courthouse.

LOST. FURS-On Monday night, Isnuary 18th, be-tween the Theater and second street, a brown fur boa. The finder will receive a re-ward by delivering the same at HARRIS, MALLORY & CO.'S, Front st. DOGS On the lith of this month, two male poodle dogs. Reward if returned to 1. Roescher, Jet Palace, 355 Main street. Jali

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PROPERTY-First-class improved residence property; eight thousand dollars; one-fourth in money, on time; balance in other property. Address MAX, Appeal office.

# TAKEN UP.

Call. The owner can prove property, pay charges and take it away.

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### Old Raleigh road, four miles from city STRAYED OR STOLEN.

H ORSE-December 28th, from near Shelhy Bepot. Tennessee, a sorrel horse about 155-hands high, a small white spot in fore-head and stripe down the noise; both hind seet white; saidle marks and fresh harness rks; about 12 years old; shod all r und.
e finder will be liberally rewarded by
ving him at VanBroklin's stable, in
mphis, or at John Hallum's, near Shelby

#### PERSUNAL.

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VETERINARY SURGEON,
will visit any part of the city to prescribe
for sick and lame horses and sick cattle.
Office at

C. H. BRACKETT & CO.'S.

bas removed his residence to corner of Or-leans street and Marsha'l avenue. HIMBER AND ROAM

ROOMS AND BOARD-Pleasant furnished with or without board, at 90 Monroe st. BOARD-A nice front furnished room for gentleman and wife, and a few day board can be accommodated at 114 Court street. SEVERAL elegant rooms, with board, at rea sonable rates, at 166 Union. ROOMS AND BOARD—Desirable front room, with board, at 85 UNION ST.

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Firty newly furnished rooms, single or in suits, for gentlemen only; \$6 and \$512 per month, \$6 and 75 cents per day. Good board at five dollars per week, in the building. self

#### FOR RENT.

TWO BRICK DWELLING - Third st., be-tween Market and Winchester. Rent very low. Inquire of C. C. WARD & BRO. HOUSES, LANDS, ROOMS, W. D. McCALLUM, Ag't, 19 Madison at. TWO FURNISHED ROOMS \$8 and \$80 each per month, at 45 DESOTO Sr. efferson streets.

JOS. I. ANDREWS, 251 Front st. RESIDENCE—Two story brick residence No 134 Second street, between Exchange and Market. Inquire on premises. Jan7 M ADISON STREET BOARDING HOUSE That elegant house No. 65 Madison street for reat or lease. Apply to No. 15 Madison

Street, up stairs.

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HELP—Male and female help furnished by THOS. McCARTY, No. 2) Jefferson st. A N ACCOUNTANT wishes to use some leis-ure time posting up books. Address jal5 T., Appeal office. GOOD COOK, WASHER AND IRONER, at VOUNG MEN-To learn and engage in tele-I graph operating. Permanent positions secured. Asdress Pacific Telegraph, 154 Main street, Memphis, Tenn. RONES-A head Ironer to go to Hot Springs. A Permanent situation and good wages for a competent person. Apply at office of Pea-body notel.

GARDENERS Sober industrious men can dearn of good situations by applying at R. G. Craig & Co., Seed Store, Memphis, Tenn. DAY-BOARDE :S-At 107 Jefferson street References given and required. jal0 GABDEN'S R-Married man as gardener, and to feed stock. For particulars address T L. Fossick & Co., Dickson station, M.&C.R.R., Ala. NOTTON-3000 more bales cotton to store, in HAYNES'S SHED, 409, 411, 413 Shelby street

SUPERINTENDENT-A man of experience in the raising of cattle and sheep, and the cultivation of small grain, grasses and cotton, to take charge of a farm of 120 acres, Man of small family preferred, jan? ED. B. HART, 17 Madison st. (10RN LAND-About 200 acres No. 1 Corn land, under good fence. Must be near the city, on railroad or river. Rent will be paid in advance. P. M. PATTERSON & OO., decil at M. & C. R. R. Depot.

MESIPHIS WATER BONDS—The undersand Deliars of Memphis Water Bonds, and
will be pleased to receive communications
from holders, stating price at which they will
sell.

8. M. J., Appeal office. W ANTED-YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MEMPHIS AWNING MANUFACTORY, & Washington st. Awnings of all styles made to order. Cabinet work and Furniture made and repaired, re-uphoistered, varnished, and packed for shipment. Carpets taken up, cleaned and relaid, All work called for and deleased the relaid, All work called for and deleased free of charge. H. HUTTENBERG.

will be sold cheap. Apply at THIS OFFICE. L NGINE AND BOILER-Chesp. Inquire
L of BEARLEY, BARTON & CO.,
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NARM—Cheap for cash, one of the best farms in Shelby county, 188 acres. Apply T. W. BEOWN. 39 Madison st.

DUGGIEs-Four or five second-hand and one new top buggy, very cheap, at C. H. Brackett & Co,'s stables. No. 321 Second street.

# LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

-The police board meets at the city hall at four o'clock this afternoon. -Every merchant who is opposed to free ballot will to-day vote for Merwether's report.

ommerce who believes in liberty, in self-government, and is opposed to ring power, will vote against the Merivether report to-day. -We are indebted to Clark & Wellord, agents, for a calendar from the

German-American Insurance company, of New York, one of the best and most reliable in the Union. -Mr. James W. M'Henry has our thanks for a copy of his "Argument: The Louisville and Nashville railroad

ompany versus The State of Tennessee, pending in the supreme court at Nashrille, December term, 1874." -The speeches of Judge Smith and colonel Ensley, before the chamber of ommerce yesterday, were, to every unbiased mind, conclusive, and it is exo., will, to-day, be rejected by the

-The Tribune Almanac, for 1875, has een received, and after looking through it carefully, we are constrained to say that it is all that is desirable in a work of its kind-invaluable to professional men, especially lawyers, editors and politicians. Address "Tribune, New York City." Only twenty cents per

copy. -The election for directors of the Mississippi Valley insurance company, held at the office of the company yesterday, resulted in the election of the ollowing to serve during the ensuing year: T. B. Dillard, F. S. Davis, W. A. Gage, J. W. Jefferson, Ben. Eiseman, L. B. Eaton, R. V. Vredenburgh, L. Iglauer, G. H. Judah. T. B. Dillard was subsequently elected president and

H. Gronauer secretary. -We have received No. 7 of the Southern Collegian, the organ of the students of Washington and Lee uni-versity, edited by C. W. Anderson and W. Gregory, of Tennessee, and W. C. Ethridge, of North Carolina, and W. T. Leaveli, of West Virginia. It is an excellent fulfillment of the promise held out in the previous numbers. We congratulate the young editors, and compli-

ment them upon their skill. -The county court met yesterday morning, pursuant to adjournment, the chairman, Justice Holman, presiding. The courthouse commissioners submit-ted a report to the effect that the amount expended on the Overton building was thirty-two thousand seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and sixty-four cents. They recommended that sion. several rooms in the building be rented. The report was adopted. The board allowed sundry accounts and ordered their payment, and then adjourned till this morning.

-The earnest efforts of Rev. George Harris, dean of St. Mary's cathedral, to secure to Memphis the services of a G. H. Judah, removed from the city. ading revivalist, such as are just now elsewhere making themselves felt in the Episcopal church, have re-sulted in the consent of Rev. P. Morgan to come here and begin a course of services at (we hope) Calvary church. The first of these services will be held on the first day of Lent (tenth of February), and will be continued so long as any good can be NOMMERCIAL HOTEL-Corner Front and secomplished. That they will be well little that they will be productive of lasting benefits.

-About nine o'clock last night a fire laws, leaving the question of interest to broke out in the upper portion of the "Memphi" saloon, on Main street, opposite Court Square, owned by Messrs. Ben. C. Allen & Co. The part of the building wherein the fire was discovered was used as sleeping apartments, and located in the back portion of the house. When the alarm was given the engines with these resolutions, be referred to a turned out promptly, but the brigade ap-peared to have considerable difficulty in thousand dollars, on which there is a policy in the Washington fire company of this city amounting to two thousand dollars. Mrs. Sallie Sullivan, who ocber millinery stock greatly injured by water, perhaps to the extent of two thousand dollars. She is fully insured in foreign agencies. The building belonged to the Greenlaw estate, and the damage done to it is fully covered by insur-

-A scene of intense excitement not down in the bills, occurred at the Theater last night. The house was crowded to witness Mrs. Lander in her celebrated role of "Cleopatra" in Shakespeare's tragedy Antony and Cleopatra. When the alarm of fire was given at the Memphi saloon by the ringing of the bells, some indiscreet individual mounted a chair and shouted "Fire" at the top of his voice. The audience rose, and a general panic-stricken stampede seemed inevitable. Mr. G. P. M. Turner, Mr. A. G. Pennoyer, the manager, and others called on the audience to keep still, as there was no danger. Mr. T. P. Holland, doorkeeper, did good service by calming the fears of those who were about to rush out, and quietness was soon attained, and the people resumed their seats. When the alarm was given Mrs. Lander was in one of her most intense passages, and coming down to the footlights, said: "Ladies and Gentlemen-Please keep quiet and take your seats, for I am confident there is no danger. If there is any fire in the building it will soon be discovered, and I wish to inform you that there are plenty of means of exit both from the stage and front of the house by which you can all escape. If there is any danger I will share it with you, but I am sure there is none." This neat and calm speech was received with cheers, the audience resumed their seats, the play went on, and was carried to a successful conclusion.

# LAW REPORTS.

The attention of merchants, saloon- dollars fine and three years' imprisonkeepers and owners of licensed vehicles ment in the penitentiary. They will is directed to the notification of John only be allowed to contract to the

January 18th.

RESIDENCE—My late residence on Jessa mine street, third door east of Lauder-dale street. However, third door east of Lauder-early to appear in our mammoth Sunday issue,

Don't forgott to hand in your favors by the proposed amendment could do little or no harm.

Colonel Donovan—Can you

# THAT REPORT.

Great Speech of Minor Meriwether-A Gap in History Filled-The People Nothing, Property Every--Every member of the chamber of thing.

> Turn Back, Turn Back, O Time in Your Flight, Bring the Dark Ages and Take Back Every Right.

The Appeal Headings an Unpalatable Dose to the Secret Few who would Build a Perch for the Three Black Crows.

Enoch Ensley for the People-Michael Magevney Consider, Mayor Loague an Honest Man-"Korrect."

Judge Henry G. Smith, The Old Man Eloquent, Delivers a Solid, Sensible, Speech Full of frue Dem-

ocracy.

The Law as an Honored Ex-Justice of of the Supreme Court Knews It-Register Williamson Gives Tax-Payers a Sly Dig, Etc.

The adjourned meeting of the chamber of commerce was held yesterday afternoon to take action on the report of the People's Protective union, as previously published in the APPEAL.

President Pettigrew occupied the chair, and the meeting was largely attended by leading merchants, lawyers, bankers, roperty-holders, insurance agents and

influential citizens,

The president intimated the business for which they had met, and said that only members of the chamber could vote on the report, but any one present would be permitted to take part in the discus-

Messrs. I. A. Conway, D. C. M'Dou-gall and C. W. Metcalf were then elected members of the chamber under a susension of the rules. Mr. H. T. Lemmon was placed on the committee of arbitration in room of Mr.

THE USURY LAWS. The secretary, Mr. John S. Toof, read the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartly indorse the sentiments expressed in the communication presented by the committee from the board of underwriters, herewith annexed, and most respectfully urge upon our representatives to use every effort in their power to prevent the attended there can be no doubt, and as repeal of the ten per cent. interest law as it now stands. Resolved, That in our judgment we feel satisfied that the repeal of all usury

ing capital into our State, and do more to increase the growth and prosperity of our city than any measure that could be Resolved, That the communication, committee of five, to act in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by ubduing the flames. The estimated the cotton exchange, to prepare a suitaloss on stock is between three and four | ble memorial to be presented to our legislature, recommending such changes as in their judgment would promote the best interest of the country. The resolu-tions were unanimously adopted, and

> and J. F. Frank. THE PROTECTIVE UNION REPORT. on the People's Protective union report

would now be in order. about a dozen of well-known gentle-men. The object was to reduce the taxes to be returned to the county and State ed by the senate before taking office. and other reforms, and hence the news- treasurer under ooth and under certain He contended that the working men papers had called it "a tax-payers' union," but he would only say that every man and woman in the city of Memphis was a tax-payer one way or the other; but it was not "a tax payers' union" alone, as every citizen of good standing could join who thought proper. They had propounded several questions to some of the best lawyers in Memphis, and their report had been placed before a committee of the chamber and the principal members of the Protective union, who approved of that report. It may been submitted to a former meeting of the chamber and published in the city mittee, as published in the city newspapers. It was addressed in the form of a pers. It was addressed in the form of a pers. It was addressed in the form of a pers. a band of conspirators conspiring to take away the liberties of the people.

the same restrictions under another form of government?

Mr. Meriwether—You may; but you can't file a bill of indictment against a whole board of mayor, aldermen and councilmen. As Burke said: "You can't indict a whole people." One per cent. was to be levied for all munisipal purposes, and if they violated this provision the commlessioners could be sent to the pentitentiary. If a commissioner was found to be incompetent or neglectiful of his duties he could be removed by order of the chancellor on the petition of the whole known citizens. Even Grant might send "Boss" Shepherd or "Boss" Tweed to them as commissioner, but they could do nothing wrong under the proposed restrictions.

Colonel Donovan—"Boss" Tweed was a commissioner when he stole millions from the city of New York. [Applause.]

Mr. Meriwether declared that irretrievable ruin would be the result if they continued their present system of city government. He had no sympathy with those who deast out unmitigated abuse on men in office, and he thought there were worse men than their present mayor, John Losgue, although he had not voted for Mr. L'asgue, but he fad not voted for Mr. L'asgue, but he had not voted for for L'assue, although he had not voted for Mr. L'asgue, but he had not voted for Mr. L'asgue, but he was a way the liberties of the people when they were taking away the votes of all, both rich and poor, by the ecolitic manner of the people as a way posed was defeated. Mr. Meriwether then read over to the meeting the "headings" of the report of the previous meeting, as published in the APPEAL, amid roars of laughter, and exclaimed triumphantly, "If that is not demagoguery, I don't know what demagoguery means." The APPEAL pretended to be ever watching over the interests of the people, and claimed to be a leader of the people; but in this instance that newspaper treated with indifference the eight hundred citizens of every shade of political opinion and creed, belonging to the People's Protective union, and the members of the chamber of commerce. It had been charged that this report had been made up by a few in the dark, and the APPEAL talked as if they had been engaged in a conspiracy to take away the rights of the people. Had such been the case? Had they not come openly before the people? They had come forward openly, and yet were charged with something like conspiracy by the APPEAL. The Avalanche had

not gone so far, although that paper had not approved of the report. He would, however, tell them again that they would effect the ruin of the city if this measure were defeated. He had read an article in the APPEAL in regard to the personal abuse of men merely because they were office-holders. He was opposed to all kinds of personal abuse, but in this case no office-holders had been aspersed, and nobody had assailed them; and the Protective union was making no war on these gentlemen. It did not become the APPEAL, or its edit

did not become the APPEAL, or its editors, to taik about personal abuse, for it was not two months ago since the APPEAL aspersed and assailed certain gentlemen who had come out on an independent platform, calling them "the dark lantern party." He did not vote with that party, but still he was opposed to having them called "dark lanternists." [Laughter.] It was not right to do so, and yet at the present time the APPEAL charged that the eight hundred members of the People's Protective union and the chamber low. [Applause.] regulate itself by the law of supply and demand, would be the means of bringple's Protective union and the chamber of commerce were endeavoring to take away the people's rights, but such was not the case, and it was not right to say so. Having paid his devours to the APPEAL, he went on to refer to the other bills proposed to be sent to Nashville, one of which related to criminal practice, and which would, he said, save to the county fifty thousand dollars annually, if passed into law. The proposed law had been approved by Judge Flippin and eminent lawyers of the court. The other bill proposed the re-enactment of the poll-tax of one dollar, and provided The president stated that discussion | that no person be allowed to vote at any election without showing his poll-tax would now be in order.

Mr. Minor Meriwether rose and drew receipt. The poli-tax collected to go to the school fund, and he thought if any a most melancholy picture of the con-dition of the city of Memphis, burdened pay a dollar for the privilege, besides it as she was with debt, and not paying interest on that debt for many years. Taxes were unpaid, and people refusing would prevent the importation of voters from other States. In reply to a question from General Williamson, he said through the canvass in case they would to pay because the money was not ex- they were opposed to all privilege taxes, be beaten. Mr. Loague, the present pended as it should be. Popular government had been tried since the war, and they now saw the dire results of that popular system of government. Acting on this state of things, a few leading citizen tay-navers (or made). When the popular system of things, a few leading of the popular system of things, a few leading of the popular system of things, a few leading of the popular system of things, a few leading of the popular system of things, a few leading of the popular system of government. Acting on this state of things, a few leading of the popular system of system of the popular system citizen tax-payers formed in May of last year the Peoples' Protective union, which consisted of persons of all parties and creeds, eight hundred in all, atthough they had only commenced with | and after the maximum amount pro-

to be returned to the county and State panalties, for the failure to do so. The fees were provided according to the grade and amount of services performed. Mr. Meriwether spoke an hour and a half in explanation of the report and proposed amendments. Colonel Enech Ensley rose and said that when he heard the report read he thought there were matters in it that the citizens ought not to indorse, but there were some things in it that he could indorse. He would, with their

APPRAIL IT AND PROBLEM PROPERTY AND PROBLEM PROBLEM PROPERTY AND PROBLEM PROBLEM PROBLEM PROP I have to leave the city to-morrow for a few days, and will be absent from the meeting of

er. Again: The governor and the member (with perhaps two exceptions) in all proba-bility would not be the owner of one cent of property in the city of Memphis, and the governor, beyond shaping things with hit party and with a view to a re-election to the position of governor or promotion to the

the tax, and the non-resident who owns pro-perty adjoining, is free from selzure. Another section of the report reads "machiners and manufacturing of every sort, including all buildings hereafter to be created, shall be ex-empted from taxation for a series of years." Now, it this means to recom-mend that manufacturers who after this may commence manufacturing, shall be exempted, and those now engaged in perhaps the same business should not be exempted, I say it is wrong, and under no circumstances should it be adopted; for such a recommendation is, in adopted; for such a recommendation i be adopted; for such a recommendation is, in effect, saying to a wagon manufacturer in Hinois, that if he will come here and locate by the side of James & Rossa, on Jefferson street, and manufacture wagons, we will aid you to undersel James & Rossa, and consequently take their trade from them to the amount and extent that the tax might influence; and the result might be that while you locate the Himois man here, you might drive away James & Rossa. So it might ow with Cubbins & Guan, Johnson & Risk, and every other kind of manufacturing establishment. ther kind of manufacturing establishm am in favor of exempting all, old and new-I am in favor of exempting all, old and newthose already established as well as those
which may be established. This is so parpable a violation of exerci principle that I am
inclined to think I misconstrue the meaning
of the committeemen. Together with recommendations for the abolishing of as much of
the paraphernalia of government as positive,
I think no more bonds should be issued. Limit to taxation, at all hazards, should be urged.
And instead of looking at the
matter as we have sleavy looked at it, say, to
wit. "How much money and what rate of

matter as we have always looked at it, eay, wit., "How much money and what rate taxation will it take to pay for government and if one per cent, won't do it, put the rate two per cent, or three per cent, or four pecent, for the government must be kept up, all hazards." I say, we should look at it matter and estimate how much can the pepter and without having their trade drive off and their industries crushed out. In other words, we should have our we to the cent the ords, we should have our eye to the end the be people should be sustained and not cru out at all hazards, no matter what becaof the government, instead of to the end that the government should be sastained no mat-ter what becomes of the people. We should firect our efforts to the and that no matter now many courts we may have forest upon 18, or how much useless government we may

now. [Applause.] Colonel M. Magevney, sr., said that the corporate body was sick, and some-

thing must be done at once. The condi-tion of this body was frightful, and the doctors had had a consultation and precribed for the body. He did not think that there was any demagoguery in Mr. Ensley's speech, but he thought there was a good deal of "buncombe" in it, Laughter.] He [Colonel Magevney] was as strong as any man in favor of the rights of the people, but just let them look at the several city governments they had had for the past ten years. Some of them were the worst that he had ever known. The propertyholders had tried to get good men to run for the office of mayor, but men refused to serve on various excuses. The property-holders wanted men who had honthat they would get good men to rule

had they come to? He would only say, "Save us, Lord, or we perish." Mr. F. A. Tyler denied that they came before the citizens as a dark-lantern party, as they were doing everything openly, fearlessly and honestly. If they wished to take away the rights of the people, they were doing so openly. They had placed before the people a heroic measure, and as it was for the good of all he hoped it would be adopted. It seemed to him that all the opposition came from the officeholders and those who wanted office.

clare they were incapable of seif-govern-ment? Were they ready to give up the The meeting then adjourned till for Hollywood, city license-inspector, in another column.

Rev. W. E. Munsey will deliver a free lecture in the First Methodist church, Second street, Saturday night, January 18th.

Don't forgoer to hand in your favors early to appear in our mammoth Sunday issue,

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Solution of governor or promotion to the United Statessenate, or something else, would not having any compatible of governor or promotion to the United Statessenate, or something else, would need to educate thousand dollars under any emergency, which would not hurt much even if they swindled the city by doing so; the salaries of such commissioners to be each four thousand dollars a year. He contended if even bad men were selected by the governor. So, according to my they placed such restrictions upon them sare that matters would be bettered by the governor. So, according to my they placed such restrictions upon them sare that matters would be bettered by the could do little or no harm.

Colonel Donovan—Can you not make fundamental principle of government- o'cleck this afternoon.

senate, could govern us any better, and not so geod, as we could govern ourselves, [Applause,] Mr. Meriwether—I will read the

names of the lawyers who signed the re-Judge Smith-It was with amazement that I have heard such names read, and who have declared that we have not the world as the corrupt, worthless and incapable set of people that this report makes us out to be. He was no officeholder, and he had never got any out of the public city treasury, even after a residence of forty years among them. Every one knew that the city government of Memphis would compare favorably in any phase with any of the genably in any of the public city treasury, even after a raddence of forty years among them. Every one knew that the city governably in any phase with any of the gen-eral cities of America; therefore he did not want the people who might be look-ing to Memphis to think that the people were worthless and corrupt and incapable of self-government. After all that had been said they had the proud consolation that the city government of Memphis would compare favorably with that of any average city in America. The mischief was not with the government but by introducing party machinery into municipal silisirs. It might be solation that the city government of nominating a Radical, to which party he belonged, or a Democrat, and there were bad men in both parties, but he thought the Democrats had done, more mischief in this respect than the other

party. [Laughter.]
Jodge T. W. Brown—Look out, judge,
I am behind you. [Laughter.]
Judge Smith, resuming, said he did not think that the legal gentlemen had thoroughly studied this matter. They might think a certain thing shall be a crime in Memphis, but that would not hold water for a moment in any criminal court. It must apply to all the offi-cers in the State, and not to certain officers in Memphis. That was the criminal law of the State, and such a proposition would not hold water or be allowed ten minutes argument in any criminal court in the State. [Applause.] Did they for one moment imagine that John Overton or Enoch Ensley, if he were a member of the legislature, would vote to disfranchise the people of Mem-phis? Certainly not, for both gentlemen aspired to be governor of the State some day. [Loud laughter.] Did they even imagine that any member of the legis-lature would vote to do it? No, for they all wished to be great men in their own counties and districts. [Renewed laughter.] He was not a candidate, and he did not think he would ever be a candidate for any office, but he was not a demagogue when he said that the poor

property, [Renewed applause.] He thought it was ludicrous to present themselves before the people and in the news-papers and say they thought so. He was of opinion that the poor man had even a greater stake in the country than the rich man. The rich man with his wealth could protect himself, but the poor man required the government to protect him in what little he had. The whole scheme proposed was simply im-practicable. The scheme provided that guilty of embezzlement, they should be resented before a jury, and if found ilty, be sent to th were to have the appointing of all the street hands, the police, and the fire department, and other officers. Non- SHAWLS reduced. HOSIERY reduced. GLOVES reduced. sense. Did not they think that these commissioners could pack any jury before whom they might be brought for trial. The whole scheme was visionary in the extreme. They were for putting a power in the hands of three men, who could control every court in the county; more than that, they were putting in their hands the whole power over all the officers and employes in the city. They would therefore have the power to control every election that, would take place in the city. They would run all the politics of the city to suit themselves; hey would make no appointments but what would suit themselves, and they would literally control the politics of the city. They might say that would not done, but there was a bloody Democrat [Judge Brown] behind him who would do it. [Rours of laughter, in

which Judge Brown joined most heart-Mr. E M. Apperson-Give us some plan to help us out of our troubles, and don't cry aloud about principles. Judge Smith-The plan would be simple one, and he would ask was there a city in the Union that had a better government than Memphis? not think the city was in such a deplorable condition as they thought it was. The trade of Memphis was not greater depressed than that of any ther city, and they had not more idle workmen, in proportion to population, than other cities at the present time. They were like all other cities, suffering from the great convulsions of trade, that appeared to follow each other like the waves of the sea, and in crying out, as they were doing, they were destroy-ing the good name of the city. What did it matter whether Loague was mayor, Hanson city attorney, or Wil-liamson city register? They were all good were not ward politicians, but they had men; but in railing about the state of Memphis they were simply injuring her good name. He was in favor of the reprofessional politicians who were also professional jorors. These men shaped the system of government, and what duction of taxes, but wanted enough raised to pay current expenses and the interest on the city debt. He was against these who wished repudiation. He had personally a good deal of trouble to raise enough money to pay his own taxes, but he wanted the city to stand up, hold up her head, pay her Just

debts, and hoot down repudiation. [Loud applause,] Mr. Meriwether replied to Judge Smith, and said that if they could not get a special law for the appointment of these commissioners, then they could strike out the first section and make the law applicable to cities of twenty thou-

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